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*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *April 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the regular quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended April 14, 1900.

The 3 cases of smallpox, previously reported, have recovered and been discharged from quarantine. No new cases are reported, though several cases of chicken pox are still detained. La grippe continues quite prevalent; typhoid fever less so.

Dr. Luis Aguerrevere, of Ponce, has been appointed health officer of the city in place of Lieut. H. E. Eames, who has been serving in that capacity.

Respectfully,

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*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL,
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Report from San Juan and subports.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operation of the Service at this port and the 5 subports of the island for the month of March, 1900:

There were 122 deaths and 68 births reported during the month. I inclose the usual list of the causes of deaths. Quite a number of deaths were the result of influenza, which has been epidemic in this city during the past few weeks.

Fifty-four vessels were inspected, one of which (the *Montserrat*, from Havana,) was held in quarantine, but allowed to transact necessary business under guard. Two nonimmune passengers were held in quarantine to complete the five-day period and 45 pieces of baggage, some of which were opened on board, were disinfected. Five pieces were also disinfected from the Spanish steamer *Cataluna*, which arrived from Spanish ports on March 13, making a total of 50 pieces disinfected for the month.

Baggage was inspected from the following steamers from Spanish ports during the month, the *Cataluna*, *Miguel Gallart*, *Isla de Panay*, and *Serra*.

Sixty-seven immigrants were inspected and passed. Vaccination certificates are still being issued to all persons leaving on the transports. The weather is getting much warmer, but the health of the city and vicinity continues fair and there are no quarantinable diseases.

During the month 36 bunks were constructed for the use of steerage passengers and crews of vessels at the station on Miraflores Island. A small, rough frame tool house and workshop has also been erected and a considerable portion of the land cleared of shrubs and other vegetation. Walks are being laid off and quite a few shade trees have been set out.

The subports report nothing unusual. During the month there were 16 vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 7 at Arecibo, 9 at Humacao, 7 at Aguadilla, and 6 at Arroyo.

For the same period 157 deaths were reported at Mayaguez, 88 at Arecibo, 61 at Humacao, 40 at Aguadilla, and 10 at Arroyo.

Respectfully,

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